



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 246,660 women in the United States will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer along with 61,000 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer in 2016 and of that number an estimated 40,450 women will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in the United States after skin cancer, with a new diagnosis occurring every two minutes; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that by the end of 2016 approximately 7,100 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in New Jersey and about 1,350 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, the 2.8 million breast cancer survivors living in the U.S. today are a testament to courage, as well as to the importance of promoting breast cancer awareness and education, funding research, following recommended screening guidelines and offering treatment to those who are affected; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of various organizations have been instrumental in spreading breast cancer awareness throughout our communities through outreach, education and screening programs and have empowered women with the life-saving message of early detection and the importance of having annual mammograms; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of October, women are encouraged to make a renewed commitment to following recommended screening guidelines and to make a mammogram appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

OCTOBER 2016

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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey and urge public officials, health practitioners, organizations and residents to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs that encourage annual mammograms

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this seventh day of October in the year two thousand sixteen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.



Chris Christie
LT. GOVERNOR

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